

MISSION 24.0: All for a Piece of Dirt

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Hurtgen Forest, September 22, 1944: The moment Captain Richards entered the battalion command post, he knew Major Carnes was pissed. “Those krauts snuck an observation post on Hill 179 last night and hammered regiment’s supply column this morning. Colonel Ranking is on my ass and wants us them off that hill now. You got that Captain Richards?” Back at the company CP, Captain Richards—pointing at spot on map—looked around at the grim faces of lieutenants Murphy and Cherry, and said “There’s an enemy outpost here on Hill 179, directing mortar fire on our supply convoys. Major Carnes wants it eliminated yesterday. I think your best approach will be here, from the south. Any questions? Alright then, get your men ready to move out immediately.” As they left the CP, Murphy grouched, “All this for a piece of dirt.”

Mission Objective: Mission ends at the end of any Game Turn the Americans control Hill 179, or if either side reaches its Casualty Differential Limit, or if the Final Score ≥ 46 .

Forces:

★ **American:** Able Infantry Co., *1st and 2nd Plts.*, supported by 1 MG section
[13 steps]

⚔ **German:** 2. Infantry Kp., *2nd Plt.*, (4 sections) and 1 8cm Mortar section
[4 steps]

Initiative DRM: American (+2)

Casualty Differential Limit: American [4]; German [2]

Disposition of Forces: The German units set up first hidden [see 17.9, *Hidden Placement*] anywhere on Hill 179. The American forces enter anywhere along the Southern board edge of Sector 5.

Mission Special Rules:

1. Hill levels are x 2.
2. Hex D4 is a level 4 Hill hex.
3. The German infantry sections cannot recombine.

German FBE



American FBE

Victory Level:

0-35	American Victory
36-45	Draw
46+	German Victory

